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1. SUMMARY - CHINA TIMES' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW FEBRUARY 14 QUOTED U.S. INFORMANTS SAYING BRUCE RECALL WAS FOR ROUTINE CONSULTATIONS AND HE WILL RETURN PEKING AFTER 30 DAYS. QUOTED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT WASHINGTON-PEKING TIES NOW AT SLACKENING STAGE. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY FEBRUARY 14 WASHINGTON DATELINER SAID BRUCE RECALL APPARENTLY TIED TO HUANG CHENG'S LONG ABSENCE; ADDED BRUCE NOT FEELING WELL LATELY. END SUMMARY.

2. CHINA TIMES WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JACK CHOW FEBRUARY 14 QUOTED U.S. INFORMANTS SAYING BRUCE RECALL WAS FOR ROUTINE CONSULTATIONS BUT HIS ENERGY CONSULTANT ASSIGNMENT SURPRISED THEM. SAID U.S. OFFICIALS STRESSED BRUCE RECALL DIDN'T MEAN WASHINGTON-PEKING PROBLEMS HAD
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DEVELOPED AND THAT BRUCE WOULD RETURN TO PEKING AFTER 30 DAYS.
QUOTED WASHINGTON DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS BELIEVING WASHINGTON-

PEKING TIES PRESENTLY AT SLACKENING STAGE; INFORMED AMERICANS
SAW NO PROGRESS IN NORMALIZATION EFFORTS SINCE KISSINGER'S
LAST PEKING VISIT.

3. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY FEBRUARY 14 WASHINGTON REPORT SAID
BRUCE RECALL AROUSED SPECULATION OVER WASHINGTON-PEKING
RELATIONS; THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF HUANG CHENG'S EARLY
RETURN AND BRUCE RECALL APPARENTLY TIED TO HUANG'S LONG
ABSENCE. CNA QUOTED BRUCE FRIENDS AS SAYING BRUCE HAD NOT
BEEN FEELING WELL LATELY AND HEALTH COULD BE ONE REASON
FOR U.S. VISIT.

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